

## **Covid-19 pandemic in Bhutan**

Bhutan was enjoying its pleasant pristine nature with calm environment until a foreigner tourist who was visiting Bhutan tested positive for Covid-19. The chaos then started in the country Bhutan panicking every citizen with vibrant actions. Before that the issues and advertisement of Covid -19 was not taken into account seriously. No Bhutanese ever expected such pandemic issue in Bhutan, as Bhutan always remained safe and sound with calm natural environment. However 2020 stroked Bhutan with Covid -19 pandemic like all other places in different parts of the world.

When people of Bhutan were alerted about the tourist being tested positive all the nations were hooked up with the notion that the country will be under lock down. So people began to buy their foods in stock. Royal Thimphu College was the first college to be remained closed until further notice on the clearance of covid-19 issue. After a month schools and colleges in Bhutan closed with the notification sent from the government official of Bhutan.

As Covid -19 has become so challenging to prevent and cure, Bhutanese people who have gone for further studies are called back so that every nation will be safe and secure. Almost all the students are now back to Bhutan however government is sending flights to pick up all the Bhutanese's nation from all over the places they have resided. Those people are quarantined before sending them to their respective places for 21 days in hotels, resorts and villas financed by the government and other private donors. Till now from the people who have arrived from outside country it is reported that more than 60 people are tested positive. And those who have tested positive are mostly the people who have arrived from Middle East. Those who are tested positive are kept in isolation ward so that to doesn't spread to others.

All the towns are being made compulsory to shut down at 7 pm sharp in the evening. No more than three people can mingle in the towns and at every places hand sanitizer are placed and people are asked to cover their mouth and wash their hands regularly. Police and Desup (people wearing orange uniform) are in charge of patrolling around all the places. Social distancing is being practiced and at centenary markets arrows are being

made to follow the paths so that people wont get stuck all together while shopping. Scan codes are being pasted everywhere to be scanned using Druk Trace app.

As schools and colleges are being shut down BBS channel 2 is serving as study guide for school children in which teachers are teaching through E-learning technique. No gatherings are allowed so people remain away from their friends and relatives. The office timings are also changed in which different routine is made for all the co-workers. As social gathering is banned for now people being restless stay at home and mostly found doing agricultural works. Covid 19 has somehow brought traditional way of living into practice. People are now being a lot more conscious in taking in account of Covid 19.